Leave was granted for the adjournment motion.

FELICITATIONS TO THE DEWAN—PRESIDENT.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Mavelikara and Karthikapalli* cum *Kunnattur*): I crave the permission of the Chair to felicitate the Dewan—President on the great honour conferred upon him by His Gracious Highness the Maha Raja. I will not take up much time of the House nor this opportunity of extolling, Sir, your virtues especially when you are in the Chair.

President: I have not fixed the day and hour for the discussion of the adjournment motion. As the member has obtained the leave of the House, the Chair did not wish to stand between the House and the member who has brought the adjournment motion But the Chair will at the same time warn the House that it has done this at its own risk. The chances are that no extension of days will be granted. On the face of this fact the motion is posted for discussion to to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, I have very great pleasure to extend to you our most hearty felicitations on the great honour conferred on you by His Gracious Highness the Maha Raja.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, on a point of order. Is the member in order in referring to the title conferred on the Dewan of Travancore by His Gracious Highness the Maha Raja and thus bringing into discussion the name of the Dewan and His Highness the Maha Raja?

President: I wish some body else were in the Chair when such a point is raised. (*Laughter*)

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I do not want to introduce anything controversial. I thought the member was asking whether I was doing it in good form I was about to say that good manners should require my friend not to interrupt me.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: I want a ruling on the point of order raised by me.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Ignoring that for the time being, may I be permitted ... .

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: How can I be ignored ? I strongly protest against that. I have raised a point of order which I am entitled to under the rules and I want a ruling on that.

President: The only point of order is whether it is in proper form for any member to felicitate the Dewan on some title that has been conferred on him by His Highness the Maha Raja.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Permit me Sir, to explain .....

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President : In this Chamber the Dewan is not separate from the President. The two functions go hand in hand. Whenever an honour is conferred on the Dewan it is automatically conferred on the President. Any honour conferred on the President is, I take it, an honour conferred on the House itself. That being so, I am sorry that Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai has raised the point of order. If he wants to speak against the motion he is at liberty to do so.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : That is far from my intention. The member ought to have taken the sense of the House before he began to speak on behalf of the House. He has not sent up a motion like that.

President : I may tell Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai that the knowledge of such incidents is very limited to this House. In all other Legislative Houses similar felicitations are given when honours are conferred not merely on the President of the Chamber but even on members of the Chamber. So, this is nothing new, nothing novel, nothing to be alarmed at, nothing to be objected to. I am sorry that this objection has been raised and I should have the unfortunate position of giving a ruling.

Mr. Kochikal P. BalaKrishnan Tampi : Sir, I apologise to you for having brought you to such a delicate position and embarrassed you to give a ruling about a thing which indirectly touches you personally. I deem it an honour done more to the House than to the President who is the recepient of it. Your dignity of manners, not to speak of other distinctions in other spheres, has always associated your personality with that of a Nawab and when this title was conferred upon you it did not come as a surprise to us. So, once was more on behalf of the House, I extend to you our felicitations on the honour conferred upon you by His Highness the Maha Raja.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Sir, I associate myself with all the sentiments that have been expressed by my friend Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : I fully endorse all the sentiments that have been expressed in this House by the previous speakers and very heartily congratulate you, Sir, on the title conferred upon you by our Gracious Highness.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : I also fully endorse all the sentiments that have been given expression to by the honourable members.

President : I thank all the members who supported Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi in the felicitations that have been expressed by him. It has been very significantly pointed out that the honour is not merely the monoply of the President but that the House has got every right to share that honour among themselves.

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